

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Good

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 32. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Good	Good
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	60.5	67.9	74.4	57.8	62.1	62.3
• Passed 2 subtests	23.8	18.3	15.0	21.0	19.1	19.2
• Passed 1 subtest	9.0	7.3	5.7	12.8	12.0	11.5
• Passed no subtests	6.7	6.4	4.9	8.3	6.7	7.0

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships at four-year institutions	18.6%	14.5%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	19.3%	15.2%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	51.6%	42.0%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	93.0%	18.6%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	77.8%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	94.6%	19.4%	
Gender			
Male	89.7%	13.2%	
Female	96.0%	23.5%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	88.2%	3.0%	
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	
White	95.7%	28.9%	
Other	100.0%	0.0%	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	86.0%	1.6%	
Pay for lunch	96.1%	29.6%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	84.8%
Completers placed	97.4%
Eligible students enrolled	77.3%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,152	N/A	\$5,718	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	89.8%	Down from 90.7%	89.7%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	23.6 to 1	N/A	24.3 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=1,014)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	18.9%	N/A	30.8%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	94.6%	Down from 94.9%	95.0%	95.3%
• Retention rate	8.7%	Up from 6.1%	10.9%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=81)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	6.5 Days	Down from 7.1	7.6 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	95.6%	Down from 96.9%	95.7%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	54.3%	Down from 60.3%	45.0%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	87.7%	Down from 90.0%	82.4%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	4.9%	Up from 1.3%	3.7%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	88.9%	Up from 85.8%	85.1%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$40,102	Up 2.3%	\$37,205	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	2.6%	Down from 4.1%	3.6%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	58.8%	N/A	56.1%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	3.0	N/A	4.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	88.4%	N/A	64.5%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Good	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	8.5%	Down from 9.2%	10.9%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	26	N/A	33	29
• Gifted and talented	14.5%	Down from 17.7%	5.1%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	10.8%	Up from 8.8%	12.2%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	6.7%	N/A	7.7%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	784	N/A	426	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	79.2%	N/A	28.7%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Union High School students have excelled academically, artistically, and athletically this year. Among our accomplishments are the following:

- * students completed 26 service projects and contributed over 9,750 hours to community projects;
- * seniors received over \$850,000 in scholarship money;
- * 41 students were honored at the Academic Banquet for having made all A's;
- * more than 500 students participated in the athletic program winning six region titles; upper-state championship titles in girls' tennis, boys' basketball, and a repeat state championship title in football;
- * 125 drama and band students visited New York City during spring break; and
- * 550 students were recognized through the Renaissance Program for making the honor roll, having perfect attendance, and/or no discipline infractions.

We are honored that South Carolina Association of School Administrators awarded our school Flagship Status in the Schools of Promise Initiative. We also congratulate Jane Wilkes and Cynthia Langle for receiving National Board Certification. Mr. Buddy Wilkes, band director, was named Teacher of the Year.

We salute the students in our vocational programs for their landscaping and building projects, and we recognize the vocational teachers for providing an after-school Workforce Investment Area Youth Program to assist students with academic and career skills.

In building upon these other accomplishments, we seek excellence.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	90.7	70.6	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	89.5	81.7	
Satisfied with home-school relations	61.6	82.7	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Union Comprehensive High
1163 Lakeside Drive
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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 1,014 Students

Principal

William Dowling Thompson 864-429-1750

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Good

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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